

Attorney Docket: 1274-034K

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Continuation  
Application Based On  
Co-pending Application Of:

Applicants : LeRoy Dickson  
John Groot  
Thomas Amundsen  
C. Harry Knowles

Serial No. : 08/886,806

Filed : April 22, 1997

Examiner : Unassigned

Group Art Unit : Unassigned

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the Examination of the above-referenced Continuation Application, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, at line 13 after "This Application is a", insert  
-- Continuation of copending Application Serial No. 08/886,806  
filed April 22, 1997, which is a --.